

AMENDMENT A
(37 C.F.R. 1.111)

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3 and 6 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

Please cancel claim 2 without disclaimer to its content and without prejudice to its subsequent reintroduction into this or a future patent application.

The claims are attached herein on separate sheets.

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

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1. (Currently Amended) A tray adapted to be mounted on the steering column of a golf cart vehicle for holding a conventional cooler, the tray comprising:

a tray having a bottom inside surface having a corresponding width and depth corresponding to an approximate outside bottom width and depth of a conventional cooler intended to be inserted in said tray and to rest to rest on said bottom inside surface, the tray further having ~~wall portion and~~ a front wall portion, a rear wall portion, and a pair of side wall portions ~~walls~~, each of said front and rear wall portions and side wall portions extending in a generally upright direction to a predetermined height above the bottom inside surface and being contiguous with each adjacent wall portion and the bottom inside surface of said tray wherein said wall portions further define a generally hollow receiver for the unfastened ~~said tray defining a receiver for the secure~~ insertion of a ~~bottom portion~~ of a cooler;

the vehicle having an exposed steering column, said steering column being disposed at a predetermined angle of inclination relative to a vertical plane;

the tray further comprising a steering column mounting portion having a steering column-receiving channel formed under said bottom inside surface ~~wall portion~~ in said steering column mounting portion;

said steering column-receiving channel being formed substantially in the center of said steering column mounting portion;

said steering column-receiving channel being formed at a predetermined angle relative to said vertical plane when said bottom inside surface ~~wall portion~~ is disposed in a substantially parallel relationship to a horizontal plane, said predetermined angle being substantially equal to the predetermined angle of inclination of said steering column; and

~~attachment means~~ a bracket assembly for attaching the tray to said steering column and for positioning said bottom inside surface ~~wall portion~~ of said tray in said substantially parallel relationship to said horizontal plane when so attached, the bracket assembly having an elongate portion having a length in relation to a front to rear depth of the bottom inside surface of the tray generally approximating said front to rear depth of the bottom inside surface of the tray, said elongate portion further including a longitudinal semi-circular portion that engages the steering wheel column in a sandwiched relation with the steering wheel column-receiving channel, the bracket assembly further including a flange portion on each side of the longitudinal semi-circular portion with a plurality of spaced-apart apertures for inserting fasteners to secure the tray to the steering column, wherein the bracket assembly is configured to clamp to an underneath portion of the steering column and the fasteners are insertable through the spaced-apart apertures of the flange portions for securing the tray to the steering column;

wherein the tray is formed and dimensioned between the front wall portion, the rear wall portion and the side wall portions to receive said ~~an associated~~ cooler, which will snugly fit into said tray.

2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The tray according to claim 1 ~~2~~, wherein the bracket assembly further comprises:

two elongate members, each having a plurality of spaced-apart apertures corresponding to the apertures in the flange portions, the elongate members formed to be placed inside a hollow recessed portion formed in the steering column mounting portion of the tray, so as to act as a

washer and spacer between a fastener nut and a surface of the hollow portion of the steering column mounting portion.

4. (Original) The tray according to claim 3, wherein the two elongate members each have aligned with the spaced-apart apertures, fastener nut recessed securement means formed to the shape of the fastener nut for holding each fastener nut in place when tightening each fastener bolt used to secure the tray to the steering column.

5. (Original) The tray according to claim 3, further comprising:
at least one drain hole at a bottom of the hollow portion.

6. (Currently Amended) The tray according to claim 3, further comprising:
a removable cover on the bottom wall portion of the tray for gaining access to the hollow recessed portion for the installation or removal of the fasteners, ~~the cover having means for temporarily removing said cover to gain access to the inside of the hollow portion.~~

7. (Original) The tray according to claim 1, further comprising:
at least one drink holder means attached to an external wall surface of one of the front wall portion, the pair of side wall portions and combinations thereof.